

EDITORIAL

Centennial Year of OAS

In 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science was founded at Ohio State University by Drs. W. A. Kellerman, D. S. Kellicott, and W. R. Lazenby. These visionary men recognized the "...need of one institution in Ohio to...direct its combined energy and influence." With this fundamental need identified, the Founding Committee proceeded to establish "...a state academy of science [which would strive] to secure an honored position among scientific organizations of our country." As the membership of the academy celebrates the Centennial Year, we feel that our predecessors have made important strides in the direction of securing the position set forth as a goal by the founders, and that the current membership continues to be productive with that goal in mind.

With the first hundred years of the Academy passing into history, it is worthwhile that we reflect upon the progress made during the century. At a recent meeting of the OAS Executive Committee, Dr. Allen Noble, Past

President, suggested that it might be of interest to obtain an "Hundred Years Update" from sections of the Academy describing the activities of given areas during the century, and that these summaries be published in the *Journal* during the Centennial Year. To this end, a letter was sent to each section vice president, and responses were received from those wishing to provide such summaries. We begin this series of "Centennial Notes" in the current issue with an excellent description of the progress in plant sciences in general, and in Ohio plant sciences in particular, provided by Dr. Emanuel Rudolph. Summaries from other sections will be run in the September and December issues. We hope that they give you a sense of where The Ohio Academy of Science has been, and an idea of where it hopes to go in the next hundred years.

Lee A. Meserve
Editor

The 1990 Paper of the Year Award

was presented at the Centennial Meeting
of the OAS at The Ohio State University
on 27 April 1991 to:

Barbara K. Andreas
and
Gary R. Bryan

Division of Natural Sciences
Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH
and
Department of Biological Sciences
Kent State University
Kent, OH

for their paper:

"The Vegetation of Three *Sphagnum*-Dominated
Basin-Type Bogs in Northeastern Ohio"

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